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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Report on the working of the Jails and Lock-ups.

Letter No. C. 307-52, dated the 5th June 1930, from the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, submitting the Report on the Working of the Jails and Lock-ups in the State during the Calendar year 1929 with the prescribed statements.

ORDER No. G. 1213-34—PRIS. 95-29-3, DATED 31ST JULY 1930.

Recorded.

2. The total number of admissions in the Jails and Lock-ups in the State during the year was 5,699, as against 6,926 in the previous year. Inclusive of 1,009 prisoners who were in confinement at the beginning of the year, the total Jail population was 6,708, as against 7,848 in the previous year. Of these 5,799 were discharged leaving 909 at the end of the year. The daily average number of prisoners was 926·13 as against 950·82 in the year 1928.

3. The gross expenditure of the Department was Rs. 1,44,451 against Rs. 1,49,659, or Rs. 155-15-6 per head as against Rs. 157-6-4 during the year 1928.

4. The cash earnings from the employment of convicts on remunerative labour showed a slight increase from Rs. 23,278-8-9 in 1928 to Rs. 23,497-1-1 during the year under report giving an average cash earning of Rs. 38-5-3 as against Rs. 36-10-6 in 1928. The total cost of maintenance of prisoners in the two Jails was Rs. 1,15,475-4-7 as against Rs. 1,19,549-5-1 in the previous year. The average net cost of maintenance after deducting cash earnings works out to Rs. 124-3-2 per head as against Rs. 119-6-3

in 1928. This increase in the average cost is attributed to the increased expenditure under establishment charges divided by a smaller number of prisoners during the year under report.

5. The health of the prisoners in the Jails and Lock-ups continued to be satisfactory throughout the year.

6. Government are glad to note that the income from the several Industries in the two Jails rose from Rs. 41,360 in the year 1928 to Rs. 62,903 in the year under report. The Tent Repairing Industry was introduced in the two Jails during the year under review and has resulted in an appreciable profit.

Orders have issued entrusting the sale of Jail made goods to private agencies on the commission system both in the Bangalore City Market and Cantonment. The question of installing power loom and khaki dyeing plant in the Bangalore Central Jail for the manufacture of all the khaki cloth needed by the various Departments of Government, is under consideration.

7. Some of the non-official visitors to the two Jails showed conspicuous interest in the welfare of the prisoners and it was at their suggestion that certain concessions were afforded to the prisoners, *viz.*, the issue of curds to the vegetarians when meat is given to non-vegetarians on Saturdays, the provision of electric light in the barracks, etc.

8. Standing Advisory Boards for the revision of sentences of long term of prisoners of the two Jails in the State were constituted as a permanent measure.

9. Government are glad to note that the number of juvenile first offenders decreased from 66 in the year 1928 to 51 in the year under report. The construction of a separate Central Institution for the reclamation of juvenile offenders has long been a desideratum and the matter is engaging the active consideration of Government.

10. The accommodation for civil prisoners in the Mysore Jail is reported to be inadequate. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to have plans and estimates prepared in consultation with the Public Works Department for providing the increased accommodation necessary.

11. Government are pleased to note that the administration of the Department during the year continued to be satisfactory.

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Chief Secretary to Government.